

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing a dynamic file system, comprising the steps of:

embedding one or more static data objects in one or more defined storage areas in the dynamic file system ~~which are excluded;~~ and

excluding said data objects from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would cause said data objects to occupy storage outside of said defined storage areas.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the step of:

defining an embedded static object by a memory address and a fixed size.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

creating an embedded static data object by specifying a predetermined storage size;

scanning memory for an available storage area large enough in size for receiving the static data object; and

allocating the storage area for the static object.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising the steps of:

creating an embedded static data object by specifying a storage area having a predetermined memory address and a predetermined storage size;

allocating the storage area if it is not being used; and

if the area is already in use, moving data using the area to a different memory location and allocating the area thereafter.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 used for managing a file system on a chipcard.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 comprising the step of accessing a static object in a pre-boot phase of a host system connected to the chipcard.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 comprising the step of storing security-relevant data in a static object.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer usable medium comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform method steps for managing a dynamic file system when the program product is executed on the computer, said method steps comprising:
 - embedding one or more static data objects in one or more defined storage areas in the dynamic file system; and
 - excluding said data objects from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would cause said data objects to occupy storage outside of said defined storage areas.
11. (Currently amended) Apparatus for managing a dynamic file system, comprising:
 - means for embedding one or more static data objects in one or more defined storage areas in the dynamic file system; and

means for excluding said data objects from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would cause said data objects to occupy storage outside of said defined storage areas.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said embedding means and said excluding means are contained on a chipcard.
13. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said data objects are excluded from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would move said data objects outside of said defined storage areas.
14. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said data objects are excluded from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would enlarge said data objects beyond said defined storage areas.
15. (New) The computer program product of claim 10 wherein said data objects are excluded from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would move said data objects outside of said defined storage areas.
16. (New) The computer program product of claim 10 wherein said data objects are excluded from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would enlarge said data objects beyond said defined storage areas.
17. (New) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein excluding means excludes said data objects from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would move said data objects outside of said defined storage areas.
18. (New) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein excluding means excludes said data objects from actions performed dynamically on the file system that would enlarge said data objects beyond said defined storage areas.